

Iban 066
MaKassar 066
Gorontalo 064
Sangirese 069

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291 cotton garment in various colors for the lower part of the body,
a similar jacket, and a sort of corset or rattan rings, all mounted
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[301] in small, vertically placed rings of beaten copper, which tightly
fits the body (2).

2. T. J. Bezemer, "De Binnenlandsche
Stammen van Borneo [The Interior
Tribes of Borneo] , " in De Volken van
Nederlands Indië, I, p. 283.

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288 [518] An important independent weaving industry is found
531 on the small island of Saleyer, just off southern Celebes. Bright
colors are very popular, and checked and striped patterns are
preferred.

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286 Of the weaving done on northern Celebes we shall mention
291 only the Bèntenan kain. Bèntenan is a little place on the south-
east coast of the northern peninsular of Celebes. The fabrics
are named after this little place, but they are also made in other
places. They are woven cloths, sometimes ikat, sometimes
not, which originally seem to have been used only by mothers to
carry their babies on their backs, but later, by sewing together
three of these quite narrow kain, they were used also as sarongs.
In contrast with most of the cloth woven in the archipelago, the
Bèntenan fabrics are nearly always tubular cloths woven with a
circular warp. The patterns are geometrical figures and are
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[292] very similar to the ikat fabrics of the more easterly part of the
569 archipelago. For example, they bear human figures with raised
hands (1). Originally, little Bèntenan cloths were used to cover

1. See Kunstnijverheid in Nederlandsch-
Indië, II, pp. 270 ff.

the seats of notables and priests.

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286 The beautiful koffo fabrics come from the Sangir and Talaud
291 Islands. Nothing shows the relationship between weaving and
531 plaiting better than the koffo cloth. "The pattern of the Sangirese